

AF / 3763



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 000952-066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **BOX AF**
John R. Peery)
Application No.: 09/296,582) Group Art Unit: 3763
Filed: April 23, 1999) Examiner: Jennifer J. Maynard
For: TROCAR FOR INSERTING IMPLANTS) Confirmation No.: 8609
)
)
)
)

RECEIVED
OCT 31 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is Acknowledgment Postcard
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
Total Claims	15	MINUS 27 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 7 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					--
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					--
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: 76 M. Z
Kirk M. Nuzum
Registration No. 38,983
Redwood Shores, California Office

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(650) 622-2300

Date: 10-29-2002



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 000952-066

1. A.
10-1-02
#19/E
NE.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

John R. Peery)

Application No.: 09/296,582)

Filed: April 23, 1999)

For: TROCAR FOR INSERTING)
IMPLANTS)

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Jennifer J. Maynard

Confirmation No. 8609

Please enter
the following
Amendment.
Maynard
13 November 2002

RECEIVED
OCT 31 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendment and reply.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.